



CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM

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Robin Brack
Operations, *San Jose Mercury News*
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Dear Ms. Brack:

Thank you for agreeing to participate on the panel entitled "Business Community Perspectives on CALFED" scheduled from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm at the BDAC meeting on July 16, 1998 to be held at the Oakland Airport Hilton. BDAC, a thirty-three member federally-chartered advisory committee, provides policy advice to the CALFED agencies on related Bay-Delta issues. Your insights into water related business issues will help further BDAC's understanding of these matters.

The Council would be most interested in hearing your perspective on one of the following three issues: a) what the business and financial community needs from the CALFED water transfers policy to assist the economy and reliability of water supply for business and industry, b) the importance of a stable water supply to the economy and state, or c) business perspectives on balancing the needs of non agriculture business, farming and the environment.

We are looking forward to hearing from Thomas Lee, Newhall Land and Farm Company, Fred Furlong, from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and Steve Tedesco, from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, in addition to yourself. We are structuring the business panel agenda item so that there will be ample time for interchange between the panelists and BDAC members. We have set aside 25 to 30 minutes for initial comments from the panel and 45 to 50 minutes for questions and answers. Therefore, we ask that you limit your initial comments to five to six minutes. In addition, we will have an overhead projector and screens available for your use, if you wish. A copy of a preliminary agenda for the entire BDAC meeting is also enclosed, in the event you would like to observe the proceedings.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

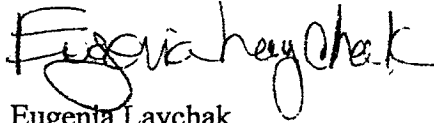
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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I will contact you early next week to discuss any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugenia Laychak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eugenia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Laychak".

Eugenia Laychak
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Enclosure

cc: Amy Fowler, Santa Clara Valley Water District